Governments and for creation of two separate Departments within the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the proposal is in final stages of formulation.

Storage of wheat

†1240. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for storage of wheat by Government for the year 2006-2007;

(b) the quantity of wheat stored compared to the said target;

(c) the status of storage of wheat;

(d) whether it is a fact that the multinational companies and private companies of the country have stored more quantity of wheat in comparison to that of Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No target are fixed for storage of wheat by Government for the year 2006-07. However, the estimated procurement targets are fixed by the Government.

The buffer stock quantity norms of wheat fixed by Government w.e.f. 20.4.2005 are as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

1st January	82.00
1st April	40.00
1st July	171.00
1st October	110.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The stocks of wheat in Central Pool as on 1.7.2006 is as under

Wheat	82.07 lakh tonnes

(d) No Sir, it is not a fact that the multinational companies and private companies have stored more quantity of wheat in comparison to that of the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Funds for compensatory afforestation

1241. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how much funds have been deposited with different State Governments to be spend under compensatory afforestation and planning management for afforestation; and

(b) how much funds have been utilised, so far, for a afforestation, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) In compliance of the order dated 05.05.2006 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, an ad-hoc body has been created in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The Hon'ble Court has ordered that all the State Governments/Union Territories shall account for and pay the amount collected with effect from 30.10.2002 to the said ad-hoc body, which shall ensure that all the funds recovered on behalf of Compansatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) and which are presently lying with various officials of the State Governments are transferred to the bank account(s) to be operated by this body. As on 31.07.2006, about Rs. 926 crore has been received by the ad-hoc body on bahalf of CAMPA from various State/Union Territory Governments. For the time being, the Hon'ble Court has not ordered for utilization of such funds deposited with the ad-hoc body.